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## Letter Attacking Hoover Denounced by Senator

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Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, R-Iowa, today denounced as "scurrilous" and of Communist origin an anonymous letter attacking the morals of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Hickenlooper said he brought the letter to public attention to show the attacks being made against Hoover and other law enforcement officials.

He said he received the letter, bearing a Baltimore postmark, last week and sent it to Hoover for his information and to see if there had been a pattern of such letters.

A reply from Hoover, which Hickenlooper released, said the anonymous communication was one of several of a similar nature which have been brought to his attention.

"They are part of a concerted Communist smear campaign which was launched a year ago," Hoover wrote.

The letter contained what Hickenlooper describes as "an obviously forged" copy of a personal letter over what purported to be Hoover's signature to Walter Jenkins, former White House aide. Jenkins resigned after being arrested on a morals charge.

Hoover said the campaign began in January 1965, and that several letters of this type were brought to his attention. Others were sent to him by individuals who received them in April of last year.

"Upon examination," Hoover wrote to Hickenlooper, "the copy of the letter supposedly signed by me was determined to be a crude forgery. Comparison of all the letters disclosed they had all been prepared by the same person or persons."

"Further comparison with other letters circulated in the past in this and other countries by the Soviet disinformation department proved irrefutably that this was a Communist scheme."

### CIA Report Recalled

Hoover recalled that "the nefarious schemes" of the Soviet department were exposed in a report by the Central Intelligence Agency last year. The report was printed in the Sept. 28, 1965, issue of the Congressional Record.

"The study revealed," Hoover wrote, "that the Soviet disinformation department of the KGB, the Soviet committee for state security, wages a broad-scale propaganda offensive against United States agencies and pointed out that I and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are priority targets for attacks."

"It also disclosed that the overall objective is to discredit United States agencies here and abroad and emphasized that a preferred instrument used by the Soviets in their attacks is the forged document."

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